

2008-05-20

HIDDEN SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION DRAFT MINUTES MEETING OF MAY 20, 2008

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM at the West Linn Adult Community Center by President, Lynn C. Fox. Other officers in attendance: Harvey Schultz, Vice President; Donna Baker, Treasurer; Charles Lytle, Secretary.

QUORUM DATA. There were a total of 43 members in attendance at the January and February 2008 meetings, therefore the quorum was 4. There were 9 members at the start of the meeting

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 15, 2008 MEETING. There being no additions or corrections, President Fox declared the minutes approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer Donna Baker reported a balance of \$1,037.26.

POLICE REPORT. None. The council has limited police attendance at neighborhood associations to once per quarter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. None.

OLD BUSINESS.

1) Bicycle Blvd. City engineer Dennis Wright advised Lynn Fox that Pimlico has been removed as a proposed bicycle blvd. from the draft transportation plan. The draft plan which is on the city website still shows that Pimlico is a designated Bicycle Boulevard. Members expressed incredulity that the only choice given citizens was where the bicycle blvd. should be, NOT if the city should actually have one at all. President Fox urged all who are interested in this topic to attend the next Transportation Board meeting at 7 PM on June 3rd at the Adult Community Center. If members think that concerns are not being recognized and addressed and that the Bike Boulevard will be come a reality it if there is not verification from the city that it will be removed, that issue can be discussed in a future meeting.

2) Neighborhood ID Plaques. President Fox asked for help identifying key intersections where members would like to see the plaques placed.

3) Another Code Variance. President Fox noted that there was a pre-app meeting regarding a permit to alter/enlarge a nonconforming structure for a front deck at the single family home at 19782 Wildwood Drive.

4) Full and Open Disclosure by City of Finances Related to the Chamber of Commerce did not happen. President Fox related the March 20, 2008 meeting with city Finance Director Andy Parks. Also attending were Harvey Schultz, Ken Pryor, and Chuck Lytle. Mr. Parks showed the attendees a couple of pages of computer printout and stated that that was "all he could find" and that there was no way he could find copies of the checks the city cut to the Chamber. The City sent President Fox a letter stating that a fee of \$600.00 will have to be paid before the checks can be examined. The Tidings did not print a letter correcting the misinformation in the March 29, 2008 editorial, "Chamber Must Be Accountable".

5) Chapter 99 Revisions. The city has made substantive changes to Chapter 99 of the Community Development Code (CDC) that limit citizen involvement, take responsibility away from the Planning Commission, and vest increased decision making authority in the Planning Director, a city employee, instead of elected officials or their appointees. After a lengthy discussion, the following motion was made by Suzi Johnson and seconded by Dan Blankenheim:

"Resolved that the HSNA President shall file an appeal with the state Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) regarding the procedural errors made by the council in their changes to the quasi-judicial proceedings sections of Chapter 99 of the city code."

Motion passed 11-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS.

1) President Fox reported that there is to be a meeting of all neighborhood association presidents on June 3rd. No agenda was or will be provided, so there is no clue as to what the meeting will be about. Members discussed the option of not attending, citing the possibility that the current council will use attendance at the meeting as de facto approval of their pro-development, anti-citizen participation policies. After much discussion regarding the liabilities of appearing to endorse an unknown agenda and the inability to involve the neighborhood residents in a meaningful discussion regarding an unknown agenda, the following motion was made by Chuck Lytle and seconded by Richard Burkhardtmeier:

"Resolved that the HSNA President shall attend the June 3rd meeting of NA presidents and do her best to represent all the residents within the boundary of the HSNA."

Motion passed 9-2-0.

2) President Fox urged other officers and members to attend meetings of other NAs in an effort to foster better communication and cooperation among the associations. Interested members could "adopt" a Neighborhood Association and attend regularly. President Fox urged members to contact friends and neighbors in NA's that they could attend the meeting with and email her with preferences so that duplication may be avoided.

3) President Fox provided an article from the April 29, 2008 Oregonian regarding the OHSU Polyheme Study. OHSU previously asked HSNA members to provide consent for uninformed patients to be administered synthetic plasma for trauma victims. After several meetings with OHSU representatives, physicians and ethicists, HSNA membership denied the request. It was noted in The Oregonian that the entire national program has been eliminated due to fatalities from the use of polyheme. Whether or not it is appropriate for neighborhood associations be used to approve or give consent regarding FDA issues that have national and international impacts was briefly discussed?

NEXT MEETING DATE IS JUNE 17, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no other business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM by President Lynn C. Fox.

Recorded by HSNA Secretary Charles Lytle.

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